

The Ploughman.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, DEC. 1, 1877.

The usual Thanksgiving ceremonies at the State Prison are to be omitted this year, but the men are to be allowed their hour in the yard for recreation, in case the weather favors.

People are making visible preparations for Thanksgiving, as we write this. The sun betrays the seers by their displays, and a great many persons show signs of being about to go home.

Europe does not appear to have become alarmed as yet over what has been done in Congress for the remonetization of silver, the belief everywhere prevailing that such measure as the Silver Bill can never become a law and go into operation.

Some cheeses are required to be of peculiar richness, and when this is the case an additional quantity is added. The cheese is then curdled. There is considerable waste in the process of making very rich cream cheeses, but the price is much larger than that obtained for the cheese.

The survivors, thirty-four in number, of the ill-fated Heraon, have been brought by steamer to Norfolk, and their story is one to touch the sympathies of every one deeply.

Harford is trying to raise twelve thousand dollars to defray the expense of the Moody and Sankey meetings in Boston.

The prolonged session of the Senate is the leading topic of comment at the time of our going to press, and universal interest is manifested.

The Old South is being put in trim for the approaching fair, which is expected to net a handsome result in aid of the fund for its preservation.

The trial of Abel Fife, formerly Water Registrar of Cambridge, is progressing, he being charged with the embezzlement of funds of the city. The testimony attracts much attention.

Gold commands 103 at the time we put the present issue to press.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Ploughman tender his sincerest wishes to its readers on this occasion, and hopes that all of them will enjoy their Thanksgiving to the utmost. If we were to go by the state of the weather, Thanksgiving Day this year would come somewhat later; but the last Thursday in November comes to be a record for the latest Thanksgiving. The rivers from Pennsylvania to the Gulf of Mexico are in flood, causing much destruction, and towns are liable to drift away.

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THE LATE STORM.—The spirit of Springfield is to be found in the seven states that preceded the Union and with the greatest severity on the Atlantic coast, was the last Thursday in November.

The Grangers of Winooski, Vermont, are organizing an insurance company for the insurance of farm buildings only, to risk no less than one-half of the amount insured to any one farmer.

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THE WAR IN THE EAST.

A BATTLE REPORTED IN FORTRESS AT TIRNOVIA, London, Nov. 23.—A despatch from Bouchard says a great battle is proceeding.

A despatch from Bouchard at Tirnovia says that on Thursday he was shown a telegram from the Russian headquarters at Czestochowa, reporting that the 100,000 men of the army had been sent to the front.

The Times' Paris correspondent says it is almost impossible to get news from the front, as the roads are closed.

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The Poet's Corner.

THANKSGIVING SERMON.

At goodman, close the great barn door;
The meadow harvest time is o'er;
The earth has given her treasures meet
Of golden corn and boardered wheat.

You and your neighbors will have wrought;
And of the summer's bounty caught;

With from her bounties, her tears
Most kindly, for many years.

Yore comes a tribute now to pay;

The bards proclaim Thanksgiving Day.

Well have you sown, well have you reaped;
And of the riches you have had.

You think, perhaps, that you will give

A part, that others may live.

But if such argument you use,

Your bidden honor I refuse.

No gifts on you the altar lay;

In every sense is given away.

Let us sing, then, with voices abroad;

"Who helps God's poor shall lead the Lord!"

What is your wealth? I have you known;

To hold it, you must let it go.

Think you the hand by Heaven struck cold

Will yet have power to clutch its gold?

Shrubs have no pockets, do they say?

Behold! I show you, then, the way:

Wait not till death shall shut the door;

But send your cargoes before.

Lo! that is given of his hoard.

He had a poor donkey, and the Lord.

Today, in his barn, do not wait;

Just yonder stands Dame Kelly's gate;

And would you build a mansion fair

In heaven, send your lumber there;

Each stick on her woodpile has

May come a dome beyond the skies;

You stop the rents within her walls;

And yonder rises your marble halls;

For every pane that stirs the wind.

There shone one into Jasper's head.

Your sun is bright, you are its cold,

But in the glass with gold

Your hoard is gold; it is gold;

It bears a name that marks it thine.

Behold the bargain you have made!

With usury the bond is paid!

No moth doth eat, no thives do steal,

No suffering heart doth envy feel;

The scattered dust that you have given

Is garnered by your God in Heaven.

Ring out the words, who of his hoard

Doth help? God's poor shall lead the Lord!

Go, and your cargo is thine.

The bells ring out Thanksgiving Day.

Ladies' Department.

Written expressly for the Massachusetts' Magazine.

DAVID AND I.

AN ORIGINAL STORY.

BY CORPORAL SQUITE.

Author of "A Trip Southward," "Nantucket Sketches," "Corporal Squite the Fo' M."

Continued from last week.

CHAPTER XI.

I did not go on board the brig till she was ready to sail, which was on the 20th of November. David said she was a trim little craft, and I did not care to know her name, to know a trim craft from any other. I had to take his word for it. She was called the *Isabella*, and had a woman's bust for a figure-head. The ship was a small sailer, and compared with the bark which David had commanded, and I could hardly understand, at first, what he meant by it.

There were two other passengers; one of whom had been a captain in Mexico under General Scott,—and of course knew about Vera Cruz,—and the other was a young man who professed to have practiced medicine several years, though I don't think he was yet a day older than twenty-five. In Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and San Salvador, he had been a doctor, going down now to try his skill on the poor Mexicans, as if they had not already suffered enough from American invasion. It might be well to speak to him about it, however, for he could talk in Spanish as well as in English. He was quite entertaining in his conversation, too, and being very much of a gentleman, we soon began to enjoy his company.

Besides, there were the captain, mate, and steward to occupy the cabin. There were four staterooms, and I wanted to know why they called *four* staterooms, when there were only two berths in each, besides which there was a little room for the steward. These rooms were all opposite sides of the cabin, which was the most prominent of the two houses and comes to port. There were two men in the cabin, both pulling at the oars. They had been half an hour in getting ashore, and then the captain invited them on board.

The sun had gone down, and the thick, and his head was only a little way above his shoulders. He disdained shoes, at least he was none,—did not seem particular about them, and I guess it will be all we get ashore, we need not care to see us piled in here? I wonder why they call these little cuddy-holes staterooms?

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